



Dear Parents

Welcome to our Nursery News for the month of October 2020. We hope the information found here will be useful to you & keep you up to date with everything that is happening in our very busy school.

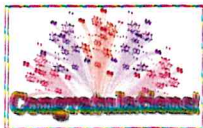
The boys and girls have settled well into the nursery routine and look beautiful in their new uniforms. We would ask parents to make sure your child's name is clearly marked on all items. Children regularly take off sweatshirts when they get warm or wet & unnamed sweatshirts or indeed jackets may get mislaid. A good way to mark the new reversible fleeces is to initial the reflective triangle with permanent marker or add a distinctive button or patch. We would remind parents that if you have not already done so, we do require spare pants and socks for your child.

Our colour this month is **ORANGE** as we are unable to allow the children to provide interesting things from home to help build up our orange windows in the classrooms, we would encourage you to do this in your own home/garden



Happy Birthday to...

**Harlie Isabella
Amelia Finn Mary Cait Lara**



Congratulations to Harlie and family on the birth of a little sister, Jessica

Our theme this month is Autumn/Harvest/Halloween. To help with our theme this month we would be grateful if the children would bring in items for our Autumn/Harvest outdoor investigation tables.

If you are out for an Autumn walk we would love some fir cones, conkers, leaves etc for lots of activities.

We know that on occasions parents may wish to talk to the teachers when they pick up at the end of the session. Given the current circumstances we would ask that you contact the office on 02891 270355 and request a call back from your child's teacher. We are conscious of congestion during drop off and pick up times and remind everyone to adhere to social distancing guidelines and to ensure that you enter and exit the site as quickly and safely as possible.

Eco-Schools As you are aware we are very proud of our internationally recognised Green Flag status which we achieved for the fourth time last year for the environmental awareness and action we have promoted in the Nursery. This month we will talk about planting autumn bulbs and the children will learn about growing bulbs. It would be lovely for you to do some planting at home so that your child can report back on how things are growing!

Lending Library Unfortunately we are unable to offer books from our lending library at this time.

DIARY DATES - OCTOBER

On **Friday 2nd October** we will welcome May from Cool for Schools Photography. May is our school photographer and she is able to capture wonderful shots of the children early in the pre school year. We hope the children will wear their best smile on this day.

On **Wednesday 7th October** we will welcome Casey's Creatures. Casey will spend the morning in the nursery allowing the children to experience at close quarters, some sleepy hedgehogs and a few other surprises. Casey will



FUNDRAISING

Thank you to everyone for supporting our **Cash for Clobber** appeal last month. We do not have a total amount raised as yet, but will let you know once we do.

Scholastic Book Fair has unfortunately been cancelled this year due to the ongoing Pandemic.

School will be closed on

**Monday 26th October - Monday 2nd November
(inclusive)**

Reopening on Tuesday 3rd November

Dinner money for this week will be £10 for 4 days

Please remember that the school car park must not be used when dropping off or collecting your child from school for health and safety reasons. Please ensure your family members and child care providers are aware of this also.

Thank you for all your support during the children's induction period.
We have a happy & settled nursery. Best wishes to you all. Have a great month!



Everyday and Everyway Talking about... October



October is a fun month filled with family events like Halloween. The Halloween break gives families more time to get together and have fun. Talking about what your family does to celebrate is a chance to teach language. Halloween is a time when children dress up and pretend. Acting like their favourite character encourages their imagination and their language skills.

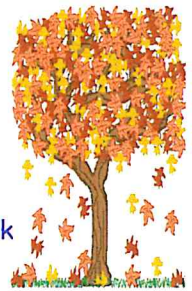
Try these activities, songs, books, crafts to help your child learn. Speak, sing, and talk about books with your child in your own language.



Crafts and Activities

Make a leaf collage

Go for an Autumn walk and collect the treasures that have fallen onto the ground. Talk about what you have gathered. There are all sorts of colours, shapes and sizes so talk about the differences and similarities.



Roll out a large piece of wallpaper and spread the leaves out, stick them down using a glue stick. Some of the leaves will change over a few days so it would be interesting to observe the changes.

Create a pumpkin Jack-o-lantern

Let your child help you. He can scoop out the seeds. Talk about how the seeds feel in your fingers.

Draw eyes, nose and a mouth on the outside of the pumpkin.

Wash the seeds, roast them and eat them as a snack or use them for some art/craft activity.



Make a Spider

Use pipe cleaners and one bump from an egg carton to make a spider.

Let your child draw a face on the egg carton.

Help him poke the pipe cleaners to make 8 legs.

Talk about spiders... Where do they live? How many legs do they have? What do they like to eat?



Sing "Incy Wincy Spider" song together!

Dress-Up

Dressing up is good for your child's imagination and language skills.

Start a dress-up collection, it does not always have to be bought outfits. Find out shirts, dresses, hats, shoes, jackets and play jewellery. Look for great dress-up clothes at a charity shop. Ask who they are, what they are doing or where they are going in their dress-up clothes.

If Halloween is not part of your family, culture or religious traditions, watch out for other events in your community. Often churches, community centres, neighbourhoods or even businesses will host "Harvest Festivals" where children can go, play games and have fun! You could start your own Fun traditions!

Songs and Rhymes

Autumn Leaves

The autumn leaves have fallen down
Fallen down, fallen down,
The wind he came and blew them round
And below them round.

Let's find a brush and start to sweep,
Start to sweep, start to sweep,
And make them into a great big hep,
Into a great big heap
(to the tune of London Bridge is Falling Down)



Singing is a great way for children to learn new words. Don't forget to make up actions for songs!

Five Red Squirrels

Five red squirrels bushy and sweet,
(hold up fingers of one hand)
Looking for some nuts to keep,
(hand in front of eyes looking all around)
One red squirrel climbs a tree
(mime climbing)
Shut his eyes and falls asleep
(pretend to be asleep)
So that leaves four red squirrels bushy and sweet
Three ... etc

Incy Wincy Spider

Incy Wincy spider climbed up the water spout,
Down came the rain and washed poor Incy out,
Out came the sunshine and dried up all the rain,
And Incy Wincy spider climbed up the spout again!
(change to Big Fat Spider in a loud voice or Teeny Tiny Spider in a quiet voice)

Five Little Goblins

Five little goblins on a Halloween night
Made a very, very spooky sight
The first one danced on his tippy-tip-toes
The next one tumbled and bumped his nose
The next one jumped high up in the air
The next one walked like a fuzzy bear
The next one sang a Halloween song
Five goblins played the whole night long.

Out and about

When walking through the park extend your child's vocabulary to describe the leaves such as dry, crunchy, rustle and the way in which they fall such as twirl or float.

Point out Autumn colours in the trees or the appearance of warmer clothes in the shops. Look out for farmers taking in their harvest too.

If you have a kite enjoy flying it together. Talk about how the wind tugs at the kite as it flies.

Books

Go to your local library to find these and many more great books.

- PB Bear Catch that Hat, Lee Davis
- Pumpkin Soup, Helen Cooper
- Ac Acorn for Tea, Julie Sykes
- The Frightened Owl, Mark Ezra
- Oliver's Wood, Sue Hendra
- Room on the Broom, Julia Donaldson
- Owl Babies, Martin Waddell
- I'm Not Sleepy, Jane Chapman

